

Amendments to the Abstract

The present invention relates to an apparatus for receiving an audiovisual program comprising a circuit for communication with means of connection to a bidirectional communication network, wherein the apparatus comprises

- a first connector for communication with a master apparatus; said first connector comprising an electrical coupling for the reception of a supply voltage from the master apparatus,

- a at least one second connector for communication with a peripheral apparatus;

- ~~a means of transmission of a supply voltage on the first connector originating from the master apparatus;~~ a switching circuit,

- means ~~of for detection~~ detecting of the presence of the supply voltage on the first connector, ~~the means of detection~~ for detecting for switching the apparatus to a master mode of operation in relation to the peripheral apparatus in the case of the absence of the voltage, and to a slave mode of operation in relation to the master apparatus when the supply voltage is present. ~~controlling a switching circuit for going from a master mode of operation of the apparatus in relation to the peripheral apparatus in the case of the absence of the voltage, and from a slave mode of operation in relation to the master apparatus when the voltage is present.~~

Figure 1A